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**From:** Wall, Tom  
**Sent:** Fri 8/14/2015 5:08:05 PM  
**Subject:** RE: fact checking re: Gold King Mine Release

Dave, I read the 20- page doc last night. It has no references. I would reach out to Don Brady and the newly retired Jim Pendergast. If no luck there, try Diane Regas. Then google for the long retired Mahesh Podar, Betsy LaRoe or Judy Hecht

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**From:** Evans, David  
**Sent:** 8/14/2015 12:40 PM  
**To:** Wall, Tom  
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Tom,

Do you have any additional thoughts on possible ways to explore the source of the 40% figure. I'm glad to follow up with anyone you might think worth checking with.

Thanks,

Dave

**From:** Tingley, Kevin **On Behalf Of** EOC Water  
**Sent:** Friday, August 14, 2015 9:49 AM  
**To:** Evans, David  
**Subject:** fact checking re: Gold King Mine Release  
**Importance:** High

Hi Dave,

A question has arisen regarding a statistic cited in a 2000 EPA Report entitled "Liquid Assets 2000: America's Water Resources at a Turning Point"

(EPA-840-B-00-001).

This stat appears on page 10 of that report:

Mining in the western United States  
has contaminated stream reaches in the  
headwaters of more than 40 percent of  
the watersheds in the West. EPA is  
spending \$30,000 per day to treat  
contaminated mine drainage at the  
Summitville Mine in Colorado, which  
will cost an estimated \$170 million to  
clean up. Remediation of the halfmillion  
abandoned mines in 32 states  
may cost up to \$35 billion or more.

I have not been able to determine the original source of this 40% figure.

Do you have any familiarity with this report and, if so, could you try to find out where the 40% estimate originated?

Please forward as appropriate, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,

-Kevin Tingley

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